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Concerning religious belief, the distribution is as follows:

	Males	Females	Total
Roman Catholic	136	1	137
Protestant	22	2	24
Moslem	550	152	702
Buddhist	136	67	203
Jewish	14	-	14
Old Believers (raskol'niki)	15	13	28

All the rest of the population is of the Eastern Orthodox faith.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants is agriculture. The types /425/ of grain grown here are spring and winter rye, wheat, oats, barley, millet and buckwheat. In addition potatoes are grown in considerable quantity.

In 1871 there was:		chetverts sown	chetverts reaped
Rye	spring	249	2,922
	winter	498	1,754
Spring wheat		1,937	19,022
Oats		3,079	33,831
Barley		420	1,881
Buckwheat		23	191
Potatoes		223	1,239

The grain is used for domestic consumption and is not exported abroad. A part of it is disposed of to the Kazakhs, however, and a part goes to the distilleries and breweries.

The residents of Vernyy are very active in kitchen gardening. Among their products there is a special kind of sweet melon planted with seeds from Kuldja, which is particularly worthy of note.